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190th ARW to dedicate nose art display in commemoration of the Kansas National Guard's 150th Anniversary on July 22

FORBES FIELD, Kan. – At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22, the 190th Air Refueling Wing will dedicate the nose-art on Aircraft 57-2595 in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Kansas National Guard. The Kansas National Guard's 150th Anniversary logo which was designed and unveiled in October 2004 will serve as the aircraft's nose art.

The 150th logo will fly on Aircraft 57-2595, built in 1957 by the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle, Wash. The aircraft is a KC-135 E-Model which has flown approximately 18,050 hours over its 48 years of service. The 190th acquired the aircraft from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in September 2004.

The aircraft is maintained by Tech. Sgt. Randy Lang and Tech Sgt. Summer Walters, crew chiefs with the 190th ARW. The 150th Nose Art was designed by Greg Schieszer, a teacher at Shawnee Mission West. The nose-art was manufactured at the 190th by Tech Sgt. Gordon Cole using the Aerospace Ground Equipment's (AGE) stencil machine. Upon completion, the nose-art was installed on the aircraft by the 190th Corrosion and Sheet Metal shop.

"The 190th is proud to be a part of the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Kansas National Guard. This logo serves as a reminder of the long and rich history of the Kansas National Guard," said Colonel Gregg Burden, 190th ARW Wing Commander.

The Kansas National Guard began as the Kansas Territorial Militia on Aug. 30, 1855, with Hiram J. Strickler appointed as its first adjutant general the next day. Since that time, Kansas Guardsmen have served in every major conflict our nation has faced, from the Civil War through the war in Iraq.

If you would like the opportunity to cover this event please contact Capt. Chris Hill at 785-861-4593.

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